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Serial No.:

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GROUP ART UNIT:

2872

Filed:

July 17, 1998

EXAMINER:

J. Henry

For:

"CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES WITH

SPLICING CASSETTES AND OVERLENGTH LOOPS"

AMENDMENT "B"

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* 68	MINUS	** 68	х	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	9	х	() X 39.00 () X 78.00	
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A check for \$ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
A check for \$ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "B"

APPLICANT:

Finzel et al

SERIAL NO.:

09/101,846

GROUP ART UNIT: 2872

DATE FILED:

July 17, 1998

EXAMINER: J. Henry

INVENTION:

"CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES

WITH SPLICING CASSETTES AND

OVERLENGTH LOOPS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 1999, which set a one-month period for response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 18, change the line to read --cables.--; and lines 19-21, please delete these lines.

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Please add the following claim:

72. Optical fibre transmission system according to claim 7, wherein a sealing connection of the pipe connection technology is a connection selected from a group consisting of welded connections, soldered connections and an adhesively-bonded connection between the pipe of the optical-fibre cable and the cable lead-in unit.